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11. (C) PolOffs delivered reftel points to Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) Disarmament and International Security (DISA) Division Directors Amandeep Singh Gill and Jayant Khobragade March 19. PolOff reiterated that harmonization with and adherence to the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) and the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) remained an outstanding issue that, if left unresolved, could delay the submission of the 123 Agreement to the U.S. Congress. Gill indicated that the GOI would discuss the MTCR, NSG, Wassenaar Arrangement (WA) and Australia Group (AG) issues in the next round of export control expert talks, though he could not yet confirm the proposed dates. Gill reiterated that the GOI had already harmonized its export control lists with the MTCR and the NSG. PolOff countered that India had only harmonized up to July 2005, and encouraged Gill to update India's control lists to reflect MTCR and NSG changes made since then. The U.S. has confirmed that India had the mechanism in place to enact regular updates, PolOff noted, and he urged Gill to put that mechanism into action.

12. (C) Gill underlined that by harmonizing the GOI has assumed responsibility and adopted predilections, but it would only adhere as an equal partner in the export control regimes. The GOI could not make commitments in which it had not had a role as a decision maker, he emphasized. He added that India would welcome a full partnership in the NSG and MTCR, which would help "eliminate discrimination" in those regimes. PolOff remarked that the U.S. understood the Indian position on adherence, and he suggested that the Indian government convey its stance in a written response to the suggested adherence language that Ambassador Donald Mahley had provided in 2007.
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